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| In re Application of: |) | RECEIVED JUL 06 1999 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700 |
| ULRICH ROHS et al. |) | |
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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to M) which were cited in the Search Report issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 198 17 905.7. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

| | Country: | Patent or Appl. No: | Patentee or Applicant: | Issue or Filing Date: |
|----|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| A) | Germany | 42 29 638 C2 | Kajitani | 07-24-97 |
| B) | Germany | 4 25 084 | Dahl | 02-12-26 |
| C) | Germany | 18 18 286 | Happe & Co. | 08-10-60 |
| D) | Britain | 20 41 463 | Nipoti | 09-10-80 |
| E) | USA | 4,848,937 | Hartman | 07-18-89 |
| F) | USA | 2,846,245 | Weaver | 08-05-58 |
| G) | Europe | 0 015 739 | Greener | 09-17-80 |
| H) | Germany | 897 188 | Ziller | 07-08-49 |
| I) | Germany | 1,475,600 | Hanko | 01-16-69 |
| J) | Germany | 1,795,523 | Happe & Co. | 04-23-59 |
| K) | Britain | 1,415,095 | Alexander | 11-26-75 |
| L) | USA | 2,891,808 | Richardson | 06-23-59 |
| M) | Europe | 0 232 963 | Lipke | 08-19-87 |

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the German Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

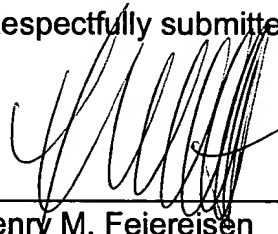
The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted

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